

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION

RAISSA DJUISSI KENGNE,

Plaintiff,

v.

ID.me, INC., and COGENCY
GLOBAL, INC.,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION FILE

NO. 1:22-cv-02237-SEG

ORDER

Plaintiff, proceeding without counsel, seeks leave to file this civil action *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”), without prepayment of fees and costs or security therefor, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). [Doc. 1, Application].

The affidavit of poverty submitted by Plaintiff indicates that over the past twelve months, Plaintiff has earned an average monthly income of \$7,500 from her employment and retirement, which amounts to \$90,000 on an annual basis. [Doc. 1 at 1–2]. Before she left her most recent employment, she was earning \$9,583.00 per month. She does not list any children or a spouse that rely on her for support. [*Id.* at 3]. She reports that she owns a condominium valued at approximately \$500,000, a land lot worth \$55,000, and an abandoned house worth approximately \$200,000. [*Id.*].

Plaintiff has estimated her total monthly expenses at approximately \$13,125.00. [*Id.* at 5].

Plaintiff's allegations of poverty are not fully supported by the record. With an annual income of approximately \$90,000, Plaintiff is well above the poverty level.¹ Although Plaintiff lists average monthly expenses of \$13,125.00, some of the discretionary amounts for one person seem unnecessarily high, such as \$1000 for food, \$200 for laundry and dry cleaning, and \$6000 to Bank of America, Citi Bank, and American Express. [Doc. 1 at 4].

Although Plaintiff may have limited funds, and may have other priorities for those funds, I believe that she is able to pay the required \$402 filing fee and should do so if she wishes to pursue this case. For the reasons stated, I find that Plaintiff has sufficient means to pay the filing fee and incur the costs of these proceedings. Thus, Plaintiff's request to proceed IFP is **DENIED**.

If Plaintiff wishes to proceed with this action, she is **ORDERED** to pay the appropriate filing fee to the Clerk within **21 days** of the date of this Order.² Thereafter,

¹ See <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines> (last visited June 8, 2022).

² Before she does so, however, the Court notes—from its initial review of Plaintiff's proposed complaint—that it is doubtful any of the federal and state statutes cited by Plaintiff provide any individual right of action in federal court. Should

Plaintiff must effect service of the summons and complaint upon the defendants in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Failure to pay the filing fee may result in a recommendation that this action be dismissed. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to re-submit this matter to me on July 6, 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 8th day of June, 2022.



CATHERINE M. SALINAS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Plaintiff seek to proceed with her lawsuit, she should first endeavor to ensure that she alleges a valid claim and that federal and/or diversity jurisdiction exists. Otherwise, her complaint may be subject to dismissal for failure to state a plausible claim and/or lack of subject matter jurisdiction.